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SUBJECT: UN APARTHEID COMMITTEE: REMARKS OF NIGERIAN PERMREP,
FEB. 27

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1. GIVEN THE RECENT PROPENSITY OF THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT
FOR SLANDER -- THE ATTACKS ON THE PRESIDENT AND THE
SECRETARY COMING OUT OF LAGOS HAVE NOT HAD THEIR EQUAL
ANYWHERE IN EQUAL TIMES -- THIS ENVOY CONSIDERS THAT
AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN'S RECENT CHARGES A TRIBUTE OF
SORTS. STILL IT SEEMS TO ME THIS MISSION SHOULD BE
AUTHORIZED TO TELL HIM HE WAS LYING -- I NEVER MENTIONED
OR EVEN ALLUDED TO A NIGERIAN ROLE IN ANGOLA -- AND OUR EMBASSY
IN LAGOS SHOULD MAKE THE SAME REPRESENTATION TO THE
FOREIGN OFFICE THERE.

2. IT SEEMS TO US THAT IN THE FACE OF CHARGES SUCH
AS THIS OUR RESPONSE SHOULD BE SHARP. WE SHOULD TELL
HARRIMAN AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE APARTHEID
COMMITTEE THAT WE APPRECIATE THAT HE REPRESENTS AN
UNSTABLE GOVERNMENT AND MAY VERY WELL FEAR FOR HIS OWN
LIFE. BUT THAT IS ALL THE REASON HE NEEDS FRIENDS
SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES, ONE OF THE FEW PLACES HE
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